

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-21 and 24-27 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Kuhn, et al and Claims 4-5, 13-14, and 22-23 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the teachings of Kuhn in view of Gandhi. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully assert that all of the pending claims are definite and patentable over the cited prior art.

The present invention is directed to a voice processing system which dynamically allocates sets of engines, or task servers, for voice processing applications based on parameter settings of the engines. The parameters are taught by the present Specification at page 7, line 5 and again at page 13, lines 9-21 wherein it is taught that each engines is assigned a grammar type, an accuracy reading, and an acoustic model. When a request is received, the task routing system analyzes the request to ascertain the particular resources from the task servers which are required to process the particular task. The task routing system selects a set of engines based on the types of

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engines in the configuration files, using the parameter settings listed in the configuration file. In addition, the appropriate application may specify the engine type (see: page 8, lines 30-32).

The Kuhn patent teaches a voice call system wherein voice call data is received and the grammar type (e.g., numbers or words) is identified. Then the information is sent to a resource manager which monitors shared processing resources and identifies a preferred processor based on two considerations, namely the load on the processors and the known processor efficiency for the identified grammar type. Kuhn does not select a set of engines based on the type of engines in configuration data; rather, Kuhn selects a processor based on its efficiency and load, as represented by columns of usage numbers (see: Col. 4, lines 54-61). Further, Kuhn does not use parameter settings

For a patent to anticipate another invention under 35 USC § 102(b), the patent must clearly teach each and every claimed feature of the anticipated invention. Since the Kuhn patent clearly does not teach a configuration file as claimed, does not teach parameter settings for each engine type, and does not teach a task routing system which selects a set of engines based on configuration data comprising

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parameter settings which indicate the engine type, it cannot be maintained that the Kuhn patent anticipates each and every claim feature.

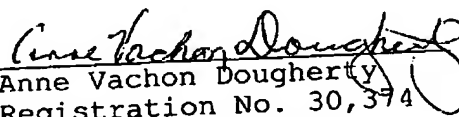
Applicants further assert that the Gandhi patent publication does not provide those teachings which are missing from the Kuhn patent. Gandhi is cited for teachings acoustic models and accuracy models. However, Gandhi does not teach or suggest parameter settings for each engine type and does not teach a task routing system which selects a set of engines based on configuration data comprising parameter settings which indicate the engine type. Accordingly, the combination would not obviate the claimed invention.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to correct formalities, reconsideration of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

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